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GOL and informed Liberians would be pleased since both have questioned wisdom of increasing US aid to Ghana as Ghana policies have become increasingly contrary to policies of moderate Africans, US and West. Liberians have been greatly dismayed by Nkrumah's recent actions in embracing Soviet Union and in cracking down on Ghana moderates and have been quite upset by recent subversion charges against Ghana diplomats in Sierra Leone and Liberia and would like see Nkrumah rebuked.

If reasons for Volta cancellation stated frankly, believe this would buttress pro-West Liberians in facing up to cynics like Secretary Agriculture Tolbert who maintain Ghana-like ambivalence would get GOL more US funds.

Longer-run Liberian reactions will depend upon manner and success with which Nkrumah and Ghana may react to US rebuff.

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